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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

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Examiner:

For: INSTANT MESSAGING ACCOUNT SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

This application claims the priority of International Application No.

PCT/SG00/00068, filed May 10, 2000 and the benefit of U.S. provisional application  
number 60/202,864, filed May 10, 2000.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend now pending claims 3-5 with the following complete set of claims:

3. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said prescribed range of  
functionality includes:

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